



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING
RURAL ISSUES AND THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
(December 9, 2008, Item 39-B)**

On December 9, 2008 your Board instructed the Director of Planning to take the following actions:

1. Formulate draft standards for development of rural communities within the General Plan Update;
2. Identify provisions that relate to development of rural communities in future outreach efforts concerning the General Plan Update;
3. Make a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) no later than April of 2009 concerning rural issues and the General Plan Update; and,
4. Report back to the Board of Supervisors every 90 days identifying how the Department is addressing rural issues in the General Plan Update.

This quarterly report, as directed by your Board motion, summarizes the progress of the Department of Regional Planning (Department) in addressing the actions outlined above.

The General Plan Update team continues to work closely with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team to ensure that there is consistency between efforts. On July 26, 2011, the staff provided a joint presentation on the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update to the Antelope Valley Board of Trade, which included highlights of the County's proposed rural policy strategy. On August 25, 2011, staff from the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team reconvened with the Association

of Rural Town Councils to provide updates and answer questions on both planning efforts. The staff will continue to work with stakeholders countywide to answer questions and provide walk-throughs of the General Plan Update.

In a related effort, the Ordinance Studies section conducted outreach to rural stakeholder groups including but not limited to the Association of Rural Town Councils and the Juniper Hills Town Council, on the establishment of a Rural Outdoor Lighting District, and scheduled the ordinance for public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission for September 21, 2011.

During the last quarter, the staff issued the Notice of Preparation for the EIR that will analyze the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. In addition, the staff scheduled scoping meetings in the Antelope Valley and in Downtown Los Angeles, which will be held on September 6, 2011 and September 8, 2011, respectively.

The staff will continue to reach out to residents in the Antelope Valley and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the ARTC, and work closely in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team, as the Draft General Plan is being revised.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than December 1, 2011. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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